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# Kyoto Protocol

The Kyoto Protocol is an international treaty adopted in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions to combat global warming. Here are some key points:

1. **Binding Targets**: The protocol set binding emission reduction targets for 37 industrialized countries and the European Union, aiming for an average 5% reduction compared to 1990 levels during the first commitment period (2008-2012).

2. **Principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities**: It recognized that developed countries are primarily responsible for the current high levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and thus placed a heavier burden on them.

3. **Mechanisms**: The protocol introduced mechanisms like emissions trading, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and Joint Implementation (JI) to help countries meet their targets cost-effectively.

4. **Doha Amendment**: In 2012, the Doha Amendment was adopted, establishing a second

commitment period from 2013 to 2020, with new targets and a revised list of greenhouse gases.

The Kyoto Protocol was a significant step in international climate policy, though it faced criticism and challenges, including the withdrawal of some countries and debates over its effectiveness.